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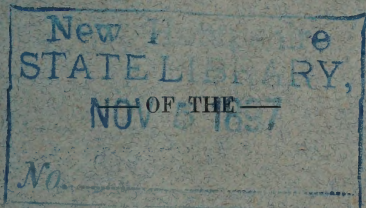
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the town of Newbury charges himself as follows:

1880.

March 10 received of Daniel M. Perkins, late town treasurer \$653 17

March 10 received of Selectmen for rent of town hall 50

March 10 received of selectmen for abated tax 1 00

Dec. 29 received of State Treasurer savings bank tax for 1880 615 44

Dec. 29 State Treasurer, literary fund for 1880 52 17

1881.

Feb. 8 received of county of Merrimack for support of paupers. 77 29

Received of town clerk license to G. W. Blodgett for bowling alley 5 00

Feb. 26 Selectmen for rent of town hall 4 25

Feb. 26 Joel Gillingham, collector,		
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in school house tax dist. No. 1,	25	95
on taxlist of 1880.....	1,622	50
		\$3,067 74

The treasurer of the town of Newbury credits himself as follows:

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES FOR 1880.

Sept. 3, paid Edward Osgood, county treasurer.....	\$675	00
Dec. 29 paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer	600	00
		\$1,275 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1880.

March 13 paid J. B. Sanborn for books and stationery.....	\$9	95
March 13, Charles C. Pearson for printing reports.....	30	00
March 13, Charles C. Pearson for 400 tax bills.....	2	25
March 16 James M. Blodgett, for sawing wood and washing town hall	1	25
April 19, J. H. Martin for certification of births and deaths.....	2	25
May 22, J. B. Sanborn, for personal mortgage book.....	6	00
Sept. 10 Orrin J. Blodgett, for attending school hearing.....	1	25

1881.

Feb. 25 Joshua H. Blodgett, school-

house tax in District No. 1	25 00	
Feb. 25 Ervin Nelson, school house tax in District No. 13	10 55	
Feb. 25 Orrin J. Blodgett, for school books furnished	2 75	
Feb. 25 Daniel M. Perkins, for car fare, postage, &c.	7 78	
Feb. 25 Daniel M. Perkins, bounty paid on hawks	2 20	
Feb. 25 Virgil C. Brockway, for use of watering trough	2 00	
Feb. 25, I. F. & L. W. Blodgett, for iron and work	1 32	
Feb. 25 Nathan P. Blodgett, for use of watering trough	1 00	
Feb. 26, Eli Dodge, for making af- fidavits in pauper cases	3 96	
Feb. 26 John H. Albin, for counsel	13 20	
Feb. 26 David Shaw, for damage to sheep by dogs	9 00	
Feb. 26 Ezra Cilley 2d, for express on town reports	40	
Feb. 26, Vinal Stevens for use of watering trough	1 00	
Feb. 26 Charles C. Messer for 1-2 cord of wood	1 50	
	————	\$134 61

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1080.

April 24 paid Laurel G. Peasley, for bridge plank and stringers	\$33 19
May 31 Lorenzo D. Muzzey, cash paid for use of stone lifter	1 26

June 26 Sprague A. Morse, bridge plank.....	10 80
Sept. 10 Nathan P. Blodgett, for repairing Baker hill bridge.....	14 25
Oct. 30 Walter F. Colburn, bridge stringers.....	50
Nov. 25 Nathan P. Blodgett, for repairing bridge near T. J. Leaches.....	12 92
Dec. 4 John G. Eayrs, lumber and work on highway.....	3 00
Dec. 4 Charles F. H. Woodbury, for work on high way.....	50
Dec. 13 Winthrop C. Dudley, for bridge plank and work.....	2 38
Dec. 24 Lorenzo D. Muzzey, for work on highway.....	3 00
Dec. 27 Daniel M. Perkins for work on highway.....	9 50
1881.	
Jan. 24 Page Blake, work on highway.....	2 20
Jan. 25 Noah Withington, work on highway.....	2 16
Eeb. 5 Laurel G. Peasley, work on highway.....	3 00
Feb. 18 Samuel Muzzey 2d, work on highway.....	80
Feb. 19 Jonathan Merrill, for bridge plank.....	90
Feb. 24 Sprague A. Morse, for lumber and work.....	3 40
Feb-25 J. W. Eaton, for work on bridges.....	4 12

Feb. 25 Albertus B. Blood, for work on highway	50	
Feb. 25 Harvey C. Morse, for cut- ting bushes on highway	6	00
Feb. 25 Carlos F. Bartlett, for work on highways and bridges	4	50
Feb. 25 Edwin A. Clay, for cutting bushes on highway	3	04
Feb. 25 George G. Farmer, for break- ing roads	21	12
Feb. 25 Charles C. Messer, for work on highways and bridges	12	00
Feb. 25 George W. Blodgett, for bridge plank	2	00
Feb. 25 Joel Gillingham, for bridge stringers and work	3	75
Feb. 28 Hiram B. Cheney, bridge stringers and work	8	57
		\$169 36

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid Lydia P. Dana, school money for District No. 1	\$42	95
Isaac F. Clark, school money for District No. 2	57	10
Charles S. Bingham, school money for District No. 3 . .	58	91
Jonathan Merrill, school money for District No. 4 . .	56	00
Leander W. Blodgett, school money for District No. 5 . .	214	17
George P. Bailey, school money for District No. 6 . .	56	90
Nathaniel C. Lear, school money for District No. 7 . .	43	00

Paid	Apphia D. Chandler, school money for District No. 8..	59 38	
	Lorenzo D. Muzzey, school money for District No. 9..	59 15	
	Benjamin F. Gillingham, school money for District No. 10.....	36 87	
	Andrews Fellows, school money for District No. 11.	38 97	
	Ervin Nelson, school money for District No. 13.....	25 62	
	Charles M. Newman, Union District No. 1, in Bradford	14 37	
			\$764 39

PARSONAGE MONEY.

Paid	Benjamin R. Morse, Universalist Society.....	\$11 99	
	Jeremiah Morse, Free Will Baptist Society.....	9 33	
			\$21 32

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

1880.

July 16	Paid Daniel M. Perkins expenses in getting James H. Haynes to County Farm...	\$5 90	
Nov. 19	Phineas Bean, cash paid for car fare...	2 50	

1881.

Jan. 25	Francis Currier, for board and care of Ellen P. Cheney...	10 86	
Feb. 2	J. H. Martin, for medical attendance rendered Ellen P. Cheney	11 25	

Feb. 4	Auren M. Lewis, for assistance rendered Joshua Weeks.....	15 80	
Feb. 5	Nathaniel C. Savory, for board, care and assistance rendered. Chase Savory.....	49 61	
Feb. 5	Carlos F. Bartlett, for assistance rendered James Hague.....	3 40	
			\$99 32

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Paid	Page Blake, constable.....	\$7 42	
	Eli Dodge, supervisor.....	16 00	
	Jonathan Rowe, supervisor..	9 00	
	Albert S. Eaton, supervisor..	13 00	
	Joel Gillingham, collector...	16 00	
	Sprague A. Morse, town clerk	26 30	
	Orrin J. Blodgett, school com- mittee	29 75	
	Daniel M. Perkins, first se- lectman	57 13	
	Carlos F. Bartlett, 2d select- man	34 38	
	Charles C. Messer, 3d select- man	32 50	
	Sprague A. Morse, town treasurer.....	13 13	
	Auditors bills.....	3 00	
			\$257 61
Amount received in treasurer's hands up to March 1, 1881.....		\$3,067 74	

Amount paid out by treasurer up to

March 1, 1881..... 2,721 61

Amount in hands of treasurer, \$346 13

SPRAGUE A. MORSE,

Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.-

The selectmen of Newbury charge themselves as follows:

1880.

March	10	To cash in hands of town treasurer.....	\$653 17
	10	To cash received of Ezra Cilley, 2d, for rent of town hall.....	50
	10	To cash received of Thos. L. D. Perkins, abated taxes	1 00
May	4	To taxes committed to Joel Gillingham for 1880.....	\$1,865 28
	4	School house tax in district No. 1.....	26 14
	4	School house tax in district No. 13.....	10 55
Dec.	29	Received of Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax for 1880.....	615 44

Dec. 29	Received of Solon A. Carter, literary fund for 1880	52 17	
1881.			
Feb. 8	Received of county of Merrimack, for support paupers.....	77 21	
	Received of town clerk for license.....	5 00	
26	Received of Charles C. Messer, for rent of town hall during the year...	4 25	
			\$3,310 71

The selectmen credit themselves as follows:

To orders given on town treasurer..	\$2,721 61	
Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor	83 46	
Abated taxes on tax list of 1880....	3 00	
Amount of taxes uncollected on tax list of 1880.....	156 50	
Amount in treasurer's hands.....	346 13	
		\$3,310 71

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

To cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$346 13	
To taxes uncollected on tax list of 1880.....	156 51	
Due from county of Sullivan for support of Ellen P. Cheney.....	22 11	
		\$524 75

Town debts and liabilities as near as can be calculated, up to March 1, 1881:

Due school districts, literary fund for 1880	52 17
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Due school districts, dog tax for 1880	33 00	
Due school district No. 4, school money	56 46	
Due school district No. 7, school money	10 95	
Due religious societies	2 68	
		\$155 26
Balance in favor of the town,		\$369 49

DANIEL M. PERKINS,
CARLOS F. BARTLETT,
CHARLES C. MESSER,
Selectmen of Newbury.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Newbury, have examined the accounts of the treasurer and the books of the selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them correct.

CURTIS MESSER,
OXMON BAILEY,
Auditors.

Newbury, Feb. 28, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Mrs. Lydia P. Dana, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Carrie S. Fellows, who made her first attempt at teaching and succeeded in teaching quite a profitable school.

Winter term by Miss Sarah J. Baker, a teacher devoted to the interests of her scholars, who having taught the school before commenced work in good earnest, which gave good satisfaction to parents and committee. Examination excellent, especially the paper read by Miss Blodgett.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Isaac F. Clark, Prudential Committee. The one term in this district taught by Miss Ella M. Emerson. The school, although very small, made a fair degree of improvement.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Carlos S. Bingham, Prudential Committee. Summer term, taught by Miss Rosa M. Blodgett. This was Miss Blodgett's first attempt at teaching, and the school made very good progress, everything considered.

Winter term, by Miss Martha H. Pillsbury. She commenced with a determination to succeed, labored faithfully, and the examination showed good results. I think it would be advisable for the parents of the scholars in this district to visit the school once, at least, in each term,

DISTRICT No. 4.

Jonathan Merrill, Prudential Committee. The one term in this district was taught by Miss Belle C. Shaw. This teacher was faithful and the scholars respectful and studious. Good progress in all studies.

DISTRICT No. 5.

L. W. Blodgett, C. C. Messer, S. K. Pike, Prudential Committees. Summer term, Miss Alice V. Trow, teacher. The teacher's experience and qualifications and the scholars interests in their studies made this rank as one of our best. The closing examinations in all branches was creditable to teacher and scholars.

Fall term, taught by Miss Martha H. Pillsbury. Miss Pillsbury is a teacher of large experience, and, if judged by her efforts in this school, a very successful one. It is seldom that so much is accomplished by a teacher unacquainted with a school in so short a term as was here shown at the closing examination.

Winter term, Charles W. Ward, teacher. At my first visit there was a good attendance of scholars but at the close I found quite a number absent. The remaining ones seemed to have made good improvement. The school would have been better if attendance had been more regular; but some of the parents are not willing that their children should be made to obey, and allow them to stay out when they please. As a matter of course the pupils who are subject to this kind of "home influence" run at large in the streets, instead of being in their appropriate place, "the school-room."

DISTRICT No. 6.

George P. Bailey, Prudential Committee. Summer and fall terms, taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton. This district was fortunate in securing the services of so good a teacher, as Miss Eaton's previous reputation and her success in this school, (having taught this school 8 terms,) prove her to be. Several of the citizens of the district were present at the examination, which was characterized by a promptness on the part of both teacher and pupils, pleasant to witness.

DISTRICT No. 7.

N. C. Lear, Prudential Committee. Summer term, taught by Miss Luette S. Knowlton. Miss Knowlton is a teacher of much experience, who appeared to enjoy the good will of her pupils in an unusual degree, and consequently the improvement was very satisfactory.

Fall term, Miss Roena A. Russell, teacher. The school at my first visit appeared very well. Most of the scholars seemed disposed to do about right. The closing examination justified my prediction of a successful term.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Mrs. A. D. Chandler, Prudential Committee. The one term was taught by Miss Sadie J. H. Cutting. Miss Cutting is a very fine scholar, destined to make one of our first teachers. Order and discipline good, and the closing examination showed good progress.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Lorenzo D. Muzzey, Prudential Committee. Summer term, Miss Alice A. Peasley, teacher, who labored with good success.

Winter term, taught by Willie S. Trow. This was Mr. Trow's first effort in teaching, and its results was successful and satisfactory to your committee and the district also.

DISTRICT No. 10.

B. F. Gillingham, Prudential Committee. Fall term was conducted by Miss Mira W. Morgan. Miss Morgan labored faithfully, and the scholars made excellent improvement under her charge.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Andrew Fellows, Prudential Committee. Fall term, taught by Mrs. Sarah J. Baker, an experienced teacher, whose success in this school was marked, as her previous reputation would indicate it should be. Examination excellent. The paper read by Miss Fellows deserves especial mention.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Ervin Nelson, Prudential Committee. Summer term, Miss Mira W. Morgan, teacher, who succeeded very well, and the progress made was thorough and considerable, and the appearance of the school would crown her efforts with success.

Winter term, Nettie J. Nelson, teacher. This school was not visited but once, and that near to its commencement. The appearance of the school at that visit would indicate that you had a profitable school, and, by reports from some of the citizens in the district, would substantiate the same in regard to the school.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who were neither absent nor tardy during a term:

Dist. No. 1.—First Term. Adah B. Dana.

Sec. Term, Adah B. Dana.

Carrie S. Fellows.

Leonette Fellows.

Frank B. Fellows.

Dist. No. 3.—First Term, Minnie D. Bingham.

Nellie V. Bingham.

Olive E. Woodard.

Hattie B. Woodard.

Willie E. Woodard.

Sec. Term, Ollie E. Woodard.

Hattie B. Woodard.

Hattie E. Shaw.

Bert G. Shaw.

Dist. No. 4.—First Term, Maud C. Gillingham.

Annie E. Gillingham.

Mertie M. Merrill.

Sidney C. Merrill.

David S. Merrill.

Dist. No. 5.—First Term, Nellie G. Putnam.

Sadie B. Putnam.

Marion S. Morse.

Myra L. Jones.

Alice M. Jones.

Mary A. Perkins.

Minnie G. Kidder.

Frank H. Brown.

Clarence L. Perkins.

Forest L. Gillingham.

Sec. Term, Myra L. Jones.

Alice M. Jones.

Marion S. Morse.

Third Term, Forest L. Gillingham.

Dist. No. 6.—First Term, Guy W. Barnard.

Lula N. Eaton.

Gertrude L. Eaton.

Sec. Term, Maurice Barnard.

Guy W. Barnard.

Lula N. Eaton.

Gertrude L. Eaton.

Maud B. Eaton.

Dist. No. 7.—First Term, Mary L. Brockway.

Bertha M. Brockway.

George E. Brockway.

Leander H. Campbell.

Sec. Term, Mary L. Brockway.

Inez M. Dodge.

George E. Brockway.

Dist. No. 8.—First Term, Lura A. Gove.

Alice J. Gove.

Archie O. Gove.

Lester E. Gove.

Mabel M. Wright.

Gertie A. Wright.

Johnnie B. Crosby.

Lottie E. Crosby.

Charlie O. Crosby.

Georgia A. Holbrook.

Dist. No. 9.—First Term, Emma F. Nichols.

Hannah S. Muzzey.

Ella F. Muzzy.

Sec. Term, Emma F. Nichols.

Carrie A. Fifield.

Hannah S. Muzzey.

Ella F. Muzzey.

Norris D. Muzzey.

Mark W. Muzzy.

Charles H. Muzzey.

Dist. No. 10.—First Term, Frank P. Craig.

Willie E. Colburn.

Dist. No. 11.—First Term, Rosa M. Blodgett.

Carrie S. Fellows.

Leonette Fellows.

Harvey E. Haynes.

Clarence G. Farmer.

Dist. No. 13.—First Term, Clara J. Twiss.

Frankie E. Currier.

Minnie E. Rowe.

Sec. Term, Frank H. Messer.

Auren W. Messer.

Bertie A. Messer.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In presenting the foregoing report, your Committee is not unmindful of his liability to err, and would ask for it, the charitable attention of those who are disposed to be critical. A puff from the pen of a School Committee is not always conclusive evidence of unusual ability on the part of a teacher; nor is a disparaging report from the same source always indicative of a poor school. It is exceedingly difficult to arrive at just conclusions as to the success of a school by simply spending two half days in it; for, sometimes it will appear better when the Committee, or some other person is present,—at least in regard to deportment,—and it may appear worse. Again, it is impossible for a person not thoroughly conversant with all the details of school management, to know with what a teacher has to contend. We fear that in some of our schools scholars are too liable to regard the teacher as an enemy; and when parents sympathize with them in this feeling, the success of the school is in a great measure destroyed. A parent can hardly do a worse thing than to uphold his children in any difference with, or complaint against, a teacher, until the teacher has first been applied to for an explanation. It has a very deleterious effect on the minds of the children to hear their teacher spoken of disparagingly. No scholar will have respect for his teacher while his parents have none; and the motto, “speak well, or not at all,” should be strictly observed, at least before the children. A prominent fault with some teachers, is that of confining themselves too closely to text-books in

conducting the recitation. This is perhaps due to the fact that the teacher is wanting in that breadth of knowledge which is requisite to complete success in the school room. It is not enough that teachers are able to pass an examination in those branches in which they are by law required to be examined, to obtain a certificate from the Committee; but, in order to meet with the best success, they need that general mental culture which is obtained from a more extended course of study. Teachers should never feel that their education is completed, but, as long as they would teach others, should themselves continue to study. The greatest and most common blunder in the management of our schools is the frequent change of teachers, as long as they give satisfaction. The prudential committees are responsible for this; and people must not complain of poor schools and irregular, unsystematic and inefficient work, so long as they tolerate the inexcusable practice of hiring a new teacher for every term, neither can the committee expect to hire a first-class teacher for third-class rate; neither can they expect third-class rate to give first-class instructions. The prudential committee is under no obligations to employ a teacher until he is satisfied that he is securing the best one possible; while the Superintending School Committee cannot refuse a certificate to one who passes a legal examination, even though he knows of much better teachers who might be obtained. As brooks unite to form a river and by combined force make a channel for the increasing stream, so the studies pursued and the instruction given, tend to form habits of study, that shall become a channel of communication between the ever-widening, and receding past to the present and future. There are obstacles that obstruct the onward flow of the river,—drift wood and debris from adjacent hill sides, brought down by spring freshets, which makes turbid and foul the stream; so there are obstacles in the course of study. The pupil should be made to

feel that the law of kindness, gentleness, courtesy, self-respect, and respect for others, ought to be imbibed. Nor is this all ; the subject of morality and piety, in their appropriate places, ought not to be overlooked. The infusion of denominational sentiments, or anything that could give bias in that direction, surely cannot be desired. But there are principles both of morals and religion, which are common to all, and which should form an ingredient in the education of the youthful mind. Parents, do not be afraid to spend an hour or two, occasionally, for the cause of education. You will never regret it.

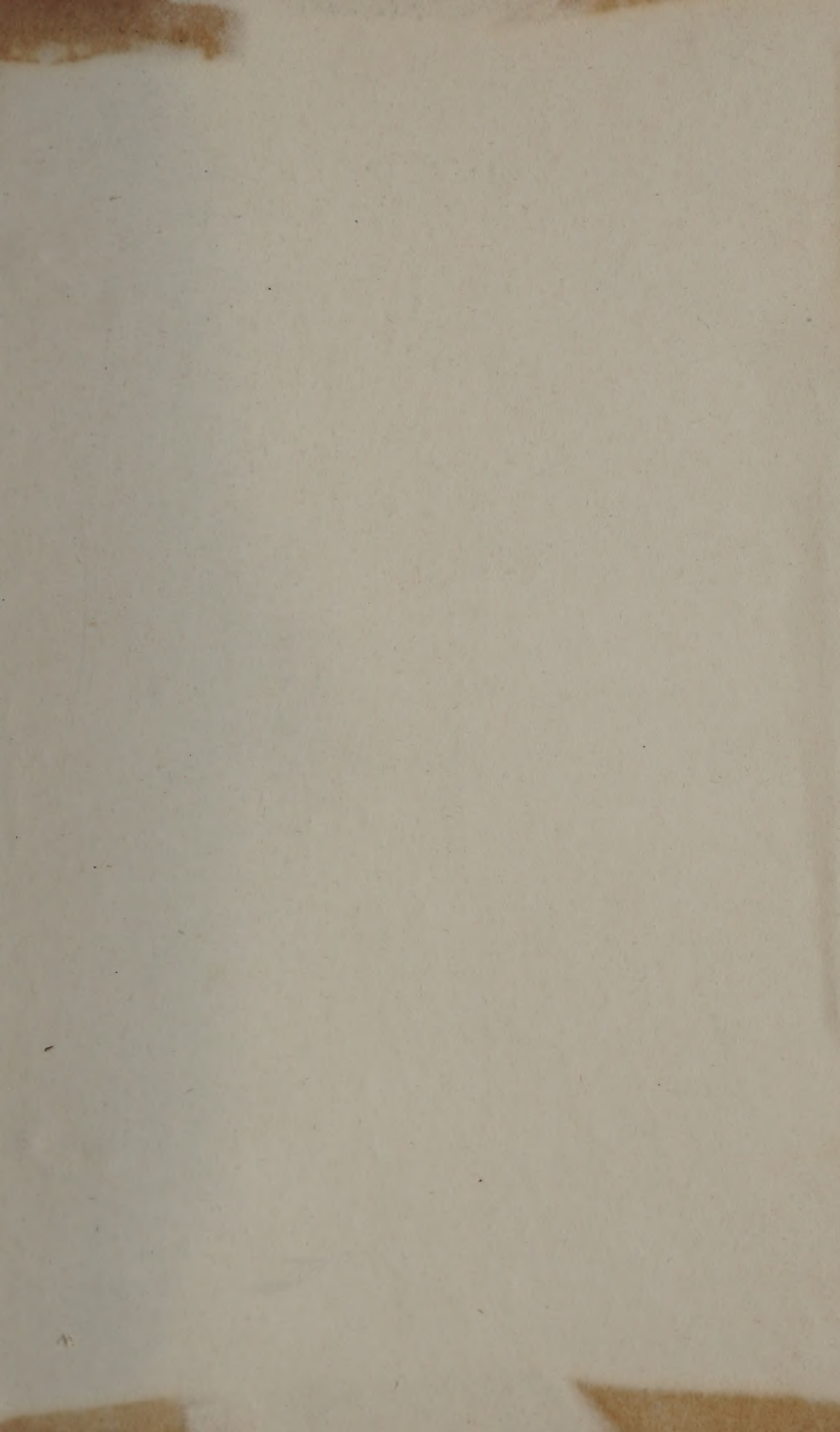
In concluding this report, I would express my thanks to the teachers, to the scholars, and to the citizens of the town generally, for the uniform kindness and respect shown me, in my official duties during the past year.

ORRIN J. BLODGETT,

S. S. Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages of teacher including board.	Whole No. Scholars.	Visits of S. S. Committee.	Visits of Prudential Committee.	Visits of Others.	No. Studying Higher branches.
1	First,.....	6	\$ 14	4	2	1	05	0
	Second,.....	10	25	13	2	1	06	4
2	First,.....	14	14	4	2	0	4	0
3	First,.....	6	14	11	0	0	4	0
	Second,.....	6	21	14	0	0	0	0
4	First,.....	12	14	7	0	0	00	0
5	First,.....	2	18.40	17	0	0	38	0
	Second,.....	2	22	24	0	0	09	0
	Third,.....	12	27	26	0	0	04	0
6	First,.....	9	20	6	0	0	36	0
	Second,.....	10	26	8	1	0	34	0
7	First,.....	10	14	15	0	0	00	0
	Second,.....	12	14	17	0	0	8	0
8	First,.....	12	20	18	0	0	04	0
9	First,.....	6	12	3	0	0	00	0
	Second,.....	7	20	7	0	0	05	0
10	First,.....	9	17	6	1	0	09	0
11	First,.....	9	13	17	2	0	07	3
13	First,.....	8	14	12	0	0	00	0
	Second,.....	12	15	17	1	0	9	3



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